NADC Update and Newsletter

NADC Member Receives Award

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New NADC Board Member

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NADC Will Hold Annual Conference and General Meeting

The Northern Corridor Development Corporation (NCDC) will hold its 2004 Conference and General meeting in the Town of High Level from September 29th to October 1st, 2004. As noted by the Town's Mayor, Mike Mihaly, "This will be an excellent opportunity for us to showcase the High Level area while undertaking the important conversations because Northern Alberta and The Northern Corridor. Further details regarding the Conference will be made public in the near future.

The Northern Corridor Development Corporation promotes the use and development of the Northern Corridor. Council member Mike Mihaly is a member of the Corporation's Board of Directors. The Northern Alberta Development Council has also agreed to attend the Conference.

Three Organizations Join Board Members

The NADC wishes Chris Nordlund well as he assumes new responsibilities with Alberta Sustainable Resource Development. Mr. Nordlund, Chris Nordlund, who was Municipal, Industry and Government Relations for developing policy issues to resource management on provincial lands. Mr. Nordlund worked with the NADC as a Development Officer for almost 16 years.

Thanks Everyone!

Thanks for a Merry Christmas! Your from all the members and staff at the Northern Alberta Development Council.

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Northern Developments

Summer 2003

NADC hosts Challenge NORTH 2003 ▪ Opportunities ▪ Strategies ▪ Success ▪

The Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) hosted the tri-annual *Challenge North 2003 Conference* in Fort McMurray on April 9, 10, 11, 2003. The 200 delegates in attendance evaluated the organization of the Conference and the various reports provided, with an average of 8.6 out of a possible rating of 10.

The Conference provided an opportunity for leaders of northern communities, industry, service providers, and government to discuss key northern development challenges, and to build on the significant progress we have made in the past years. Speakers from across Canada, Northwest Territories, and Alaska presented their perspectives of the influence of economics, relationships and other factors on the development of the north.

Gary Friedel, Chair of the NADC, and MLA for Peace River noted, "We need to develop strategies to maximize our many northern opportunities, and turn them into enhanced economy and quality of life."

Delegates were given the opportunity to break into small group discussions to establish priorities and strategic directions to guide future development of northern Alberta. Some of the comments received from the delegates included: "Solid group of speakers with awareness and understanding, with an interest in the north and northerners concerns." "Speakers from First Nations and Métis Associations gave me a new understanding of not only their needs, but also their initiatives and desire to partner." "I enjoyed the small group discussion's, but wished we had more time."

The next Challenge NORTH Conference will be held in 2006. Conference Proceedings are being printed and will sent out to delegates, very soon.

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Opportunities Seminars

St. Paul on February 19, 2003 and High Prairie on February 21, 2003

These seminars brought industry, business and community leaders together to share information about small business assistance programs and services that can assist with development opportunities in Northern Alberta. More than sixty community-minded business people gathered to hear about regional initiatives, exchange ideas and discuss ways to foster more local and regional development.

Delegates expressed their appreciation for the one-day seminar event, especially the opportunities to learn more about potential new economic development ideas brought forward through each presentation. Presenters included elected officials, Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, National Research Council of Canada, Tire Recycling Management Association of Alberta, VECO Canada Ltd., Apeetogosan (Métis) Development Inc., The Innovation Network, Aboriginal Business Service Network, Métis Nation of Alberta Association, Travel Alberta, Lakeland Agriculture Research Association and La Chambre Economique de l'Alberta.

Summaries of the Opportunities Seminars including the appropriate contact information are available from the Northern Alberta Development Council office in Peace River.

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Deh Cho Travel Connection's Fall Meeting Set for September 12, 2003 in Fort St. John, B.C.

The NADC serves as Chair and provides organizational, administrative and technical support to the Deh Cho Travel Connection group, an inter-jurisdictional tourism marketing society, involving the Northwest Territories, Northeastern British Columbia and Alberta. The group's work focuses on the promotion of the circle tour route.

NADC also assumes the communication functions of the group and has made strides in the level of participation in the group and its overall effectiveness. NADC is also an active participant in the groups marketing and administrative committees. The group met twice over the year in northern Alberta, and the Northwest Territories with the next meeting scheduled for September 12, 2003 in Fort St. John, British Columbia. The group developed a business/marketing plan, distributed the circle tour brochure, implemented the development of a new website, participated in consumer shows to promote this inter-jurisdictional initiative, and attended the *Meet the North* conference as well as making several presentations to tourism stakeholders.

The NADC reported on tourism developments to the Co-chairs of the Alberta-Northwest Territories Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation and Development. Our staff is working on projects related to increasing "fly-drive" traffic, aboriginal tourism development and improving tourism related highway signage. For more information please call Brad Bishop, at (780) 624-6535 (toll free access, by dialling 310-0000).

Grow local doctors with the new NADC Bursary for Medical Students

It's a long-range strategy, with long-term benefits: Communities support local students to achieve the education they need - in exchange, the students live and work in their home community when they complete their education.

This is the philosophy behind the new **NADC Bursary for Medical Students**. Communities can co-sponsor a $10,000 bursary with the NADC in each year of medical school. Add four years of $3,000 bursaries through the NADC's **Bursary Partnership Program**, a local student with plans to become a doctor can receive over $52,000 in bursary funding.

The increased bursary was established in response to a request from communities and organizations in the High Prairie area. "With chronic physician shortages," says High Prairie Mayor John Broderick, "we wanted to offer greater incentives to our youth to become doctors and return to their home community". The Town of High Prairie, the Municipal District of Big Lakes, Peavine Métis Settlement and local service groups are establishing one or two bursaries.

Northern LINKS helps northern students further their education

The Northern Alberta Development Council coordinates the *Northern LINKS* program. A Selection Committee reviews applications three times yearly, and makes decisions based on the objectives of the program and available funding. Projects that directly benefit students have the best chance of being approved. Partnerships with other schools or organizations are encouraged.

The *Northern LINKS* Selection Committee met in June 2003 to review recent submissions. Over three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000) has been approved for projects in the 2003-2004 fiscal year. Designed to ease the transition from high school to post-secondary education, the program encourages Northern students to complete their schooling and pursue post-secondary education.

Northern LINKS funds projects such as campus tours, career related speakers and orientation sessions. The target groups are students in grades 9 to 12 and first year post-secondary students. November 1, 2003, is the deadline for submitting grant applications for projects starting in 2004

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